

“Prayer Changes”

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SAN ANTONIO, Texas—Elijah wasn’t equipped with unique-to-him abilities. He wasn’t embedded with superpowers.

James says: “Elijah was a human being just like us. He prayed that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years!” (James 5:17, NCV).

Elijah became Elijah by praying that way.

- Let a man spend a night fasting and praying at the bedside of his sick child, and that father will not be the same man.
- Let a young mother pour out her complaint to God over the death of her young child, and that young mother will be forever changed.
- Let a church challenge God to purge sin and send revival, and there is no way that church will be the same.

Prayer changes the heart of the one who prays. And prayer touches the heart of the One who hears it.